

**Representative Policy Board
Land Use Committee
South Central Connecticut Regional Water District
90 Sargent Drive, New Haven
Minutes of March 13, 2019 Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Land Use Committee of the Representative Policy Board of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District (“RWA”) took place on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 90 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut. Chair Levine presided.

Present: Committee Members: P. Betkoski, B. Eitzer, R. Harvey, M. Levine, and G. Malloy
 Authority: K. Curseaden
 RWA Management: T. Norris and J. Triana

Chair Levine called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

1. He reviewed the Safety Moment distributed to members.
2. The Committee approved the minutes of its February 13, 2019 meeting, as presented.
3. Mr. Triana, RWA’s Real Estate Manager, provided an update on former RWA rental houses. He reported that the RWA continues to track the progress of updates to the structures, which are currently in process.
4. Mr. Triana also provided an invasive species update, which included:
 - Soliciting quotes for water chestnut removal at Furnace Pond
 - Started work on inland wetlands application for improving shoreline area
 - Documenting bamboo, bittersweet and wisteria on RWA property in Hamden
 - Cutting of bittersweet in the Cheshire larch thinning
5. Update on *The Land We Need for the Water We Use Program* – J. Triana reported:

Reservoir Levels (Percent Full)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average	Drought Status
Feb 28, 2019	98	93	82	None

Rainfall (inches)

	Current Year	Previous Year	Historical Average
Feb 28, 2019	3.40	6.64	3.34
Fiscal YTD (6/1/18 – 2/28/19)	46.69	33.74	34.03

Land We Need for the Water We Use Program (Dispositions/Acquisitions)

- Hamden – Executed P&SA with DePodesta for 14+/- acres. Submitted DEEP open space grant application. Inspected property.
- Hamden – Signed P&SA with Hendrickson for 7 +/- acres. Submitted DEEP open space grant application.
- Killingworth - Corresponded with property owner of 2+/- acres.
- Guilford - Corresponded with property owner of 120+/- acres.
- North Branford - Corresponded with TPL about properties of 10+/- and 25+/- acres.
- East Haven, Gay St. - Received inquiry about the availability of this property. Replied that we were not interested in selling it.
- Derby tank properties – Worked on the P&SA’s with CP&D and Murtha staff.

Rental houses:

- Bethany, 184 Downs Rd (BE 22) – Held pre-bid meetings. Issued one addendum.
- Hamden, 95 Ives St. (HA 13) and 233 Skiff St. (HA 9A) – Hamden Town Attorney said she would bring the amendment to the agreement to the Town Council for the Ives St. house. Quotes for surveys came in high since the planner said the survey had to include the whole property. Wrote planner and he changed his mind. Juliano is working on updated quotes. Evans Associates started working on the PA's. Contacted Rotha staff to secure the Skiff St. house and lot.
- Prospect Barn, Tress Rd. (PR 6) – Conversed with vendor who is salvaging the materials.

Forestry Update

- Bethany - West of Old Mill Road (BE 3) – 70% complete
- Guilford – West of Sugar Loaf ash salvage (GU 4) – 20% complete
- Madison – Hammonasset Peninsula (MA 9) – 75% complete
- **Madison – West side of Hammonasset (MA 9) – 50% complete**
- **North Branford - Beech Street Softwood (NB 4) – 25% complete**
- **Madison - Foster Hole/Cedar Swamp South (MA 2) - Complete**
- **Madison - Waterman's Cabin Oak Salvage, (MA 2) – 30% complete**
- **Hamden - Downs Road Tornado Salvage, (HA 28/29) – 85% complete**
- **Killingworth - North Chestnut Hill Oak Salvage, (KI 4) – 100% cut. Some loads to pick up.**
- Killingworth - East Hammonasset Leaf Screen Thinning, (KI 4) - Contract not yet awarded.
- Hamden - Overstory removal and Tornado Salvage, (HA 36) – Not started yet
- Cheshire - North Cheshire Well Field Larch/Pine Thinning, (CH 1) – Contract awarded
 - Met with abutting landowner next to Luft parcel (MA 5C) to discuss mutual boundary.
 - Met with abutting landowners in Bethany to discuss tornado damage next to their property.
 - Worked on the second half of the forest management plan.
 - Met with facilities team lead in regards to potential road building for access to KI 3

Recreation

- Recreation permit holders – 3,846
- Held maple sugar tour with the Juniver's. Had 16 people.
- Held interviews for new recreation staff.
- Attended meeting with Madison town staff to discuss mountain biking on our property.
- Contacted four groups for the summer programs.
- Received potential revised route for the Quinnipiac Trail relocation in Prospect.

Special Activity Permits

- Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (Dr. Craig Brodersen) - Field trips in field botany and forestry. - Lake Saltonstall and North Madison Cedar Swamp (2/1/2019 - 10/31/2019)
- A. DiCesare Associates (Clay Carlson) - Underwater (dive) inspection of Bridge BIN 04168 for CTDOT - Waite Street over Lake Whitney, Hamden (2/20/2019)
- Bimble's Bluff 50K (Jerry Turk) - Annual 50K foot race - Use of trails through Genesee Preserve north of Guilford (10/20/2019)
- CT DEEP (Dr. Min Huang) - Seasonal access to RWA lands for the purposes of conducting bird surveys for the CT Bird Atlas Project (www.ctbirdatlas.org). Various sites per block map submitted (3/1/2019 – 2/28/2020)

Other items

- Encroachments/agreements
 - Agricultural fields – Responded to email from potential farmer to use Prospect fields.
 - Woodbridge, Morris Rd. access for Eversource (WO 5) – Corresponded with Eversource staff and contractors about accessing the ROW through the gate and road off of Morris Rd.
 - Hamden, LWWTTP campus – Vincent Kay asked about adding a set of hives off the driveway. Sent him an amendment to the agreement.
- Deer hunt – Submitted annual report to DPH. Working on dates for this year’s hunt.
- Invasive plants – Solicited additional quotes for water chestnut removal at Furnace Pond. Documented assorted invasives at storage site. Started work on inland wetlands application for improving the shoreline where material will be dumped. Documented population of bamboo, bittersweet and wisteria on parcel HA 7. Cut bittersweet in the Cheshire larch thinning.

Invasive Species Documented/ Mapped	~2 acres
Invasive Species Treated	19 acres

- Regional Land Trust meeting – Chaired the first steering committee meeting.
 - Hamden, 91 Deer Hill Rd – Corresponded with owner about drainage coming from our property.
 - Prospect water main – Worked with Operations to find and mark out the location of the old main that ran from the reservoir to the tanks.
 - Hamden, gate at Connolly Parkway – Assisted Hamden Hall staff in getting a new lock on the gate.
6. There were no other land items to report.
7. The next regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Claire C. Bennett Recreation Program Annual Permit Holders’ Meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair reminded members about the committee’s special joint meeting with the Consumer Affairs Committee on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to review the FY 2020 Budget.

8. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Mark Levine, Chairman